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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 97-124-C - ORDER NO. 97-367
MAY 2, 1997

IN RE: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., in its) ORDER
Revisions to its General Subscriber Services) GRANTING
Tariff and Access Service Tariff, is making) CONTINUANCE
Revisions to comply with the FCC's Imple-) AND OTHER
mentation of the Pay Telephone Reclassifi-) RELIEF
cation and Compensation Provisions of the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996.)

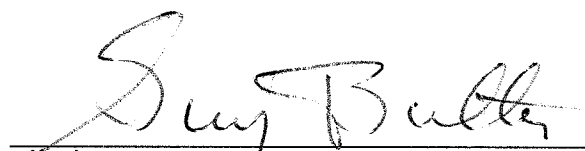
This matter is before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on a Motion for Continuance of the hearing in this matter and other relief filed by the South Carolina Public Communications Association (SCPCA). SCPCA notes that the Commission hearing in this matter is set for June 11, 1997. SCPCA notes that the FCC's recent clarification of intrastate filing requirements and limited waiver make it impossible to fully and effectively develop the record and hear this matter in such a short time frame. Also, according to SCPCA, any amended tariff filing will need to be noticed to the public. For these reasons, SCPCA requests a continuance of the hearing. According to SCPCA, the continuance will serve the public and all parties in the proceeding by allowing for the development of a full and complete record upon which the Commission may rule.

The Commission has examined this matter, and agrees with SCPCA that recent clarification of intrastate filing requirements and limited waiver will make it impossible to fully and effectively develop a record in this case and hear the matter in such a short time frame. Therefore, the Commission grants the continuance.

In addition, SCPCA alleges that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) must provide tariffed rates for payphone services that are "cost-based," under Federal law, and that we should accept any amended tariff revisions of BellSouth into the present docket, requiring that any such amendments be noticed to the public. We grant this relief. SCPCA also asks that we issue an accounting order requiring BellSouth to reimburse or provide credit to its payphone customers, from April 15, 1997, if the newly approved rates are lower than existing tariff rates. We also grant this request.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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